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WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENT

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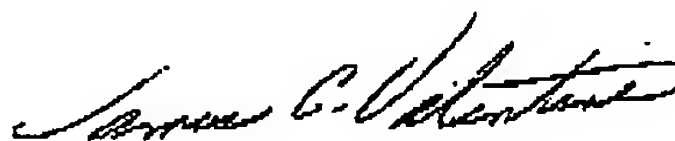
In a communication mailed 12/27/2004 pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner required the Applicant to elect one of two inventions, viz., Group I (including Claims 1-5 and 7) and Group II (including Claim 6), which inventions are described by the Examiner as being "distinct". A shortened period for response was set to expire one (1) month from the mailing date.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider this restriction requirement for the reason that an examination of Claim 6 will not require substantially more time and resources than will the examination of Claims 1-7.

Should the Examiner disagree with the Applicant and not withdraw this restriction requirement, the Applicant elects the Group I Claims 1-5 and 7 for prosecution of this application. In addition, the Applicant authorizes the Examiner to cancel Claim 6.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 as a result of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0947.

Respectfully submitted,



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